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Master Sgt. Michael Mazerat, 917th Medical Squadron services attendant, performs a blood pressure test on **Maj. Samuel**, a 93rd Bomb Squadron B-52 instructor aircraft commander, as he processes through a mobility line on Feb. 26 preparing to deploy to a forward operating area. (Photo by Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio)

From the Top

The May unit training assembly nears, and the Unit Compliance Inspection looms over us. The April UTA is a great time to address and hopefully rectify any and all discrepancies recognized by the recently departed 10th Air Force Staff Assistance Visit Team. Also, it gives us our last best chance to pay attention to detail.

Ask your fellow reservists questions that are pertinent to the unit, like who the Wing Inspector General or Voting Liaison is. Or you may ask them if they log off of their computer after using it, or where their Air Force Form 55 is located.

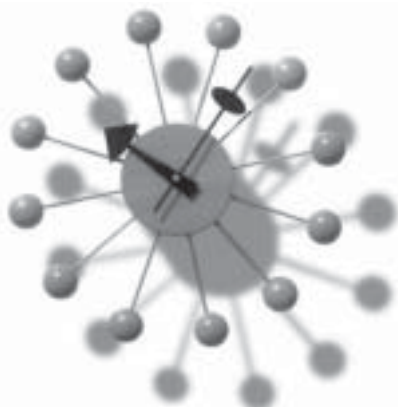
If you don't know, say so, and be very vigilant to act or find out. Do the little things such as picking up litter, grooming the grounds and your work area, and of course yourself. Get a haircut, wear your uniform with pride, and when our Air Force Reserve Command guests arrive, show them proper military customs and courtesies. In other words, "Re-Blue."

This is a super Wing, because it is made up of super people who always step up when called upon. Our steadfast professionalism and very honorable response to the war on terrorism is just one example of what sets us apart. We know we can take care of the big picture. But I feel we all know that to be successful in any enterprise we must take care of the little things as well.



Chief Master Sgt. Jack Skaggs
917th Wing Command Chief

So when the AFRC UCI Team arrives in May, let us show our guests that the Wing is truly "above and beyond."

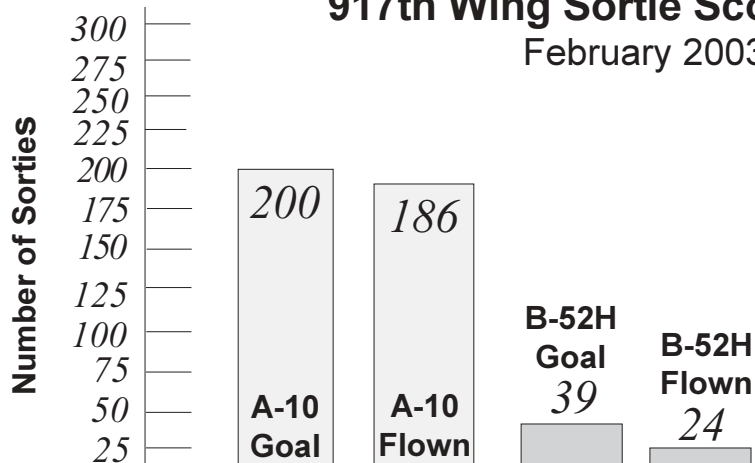


Spring forward one hour!

April 6, Sunday of UTA
2 a.m.

917th Wing Sortie Scoreboard

February 2003



A-10 Mission Capable Rate 74.6%
B-52H Mission Capable Rate 49.1%

AFRC Goal 75%
AFRC Goal 65%



Right the wrong:

Making use of AFTO Form 22

By Capt. Birk
Headquarters Air Force Information
Systems Command

The Air Force Technical Order Form 22 is a recommendation for a specific TO improvement, correction of an error, or omission of a technical nature. This affects primarily weapon systems and support equipment utilized throughout the Air Force.

There are three types of AFTO 22 reports you may submit depending on the severity of the deficiency:

⇒ **Emergency reports** – reserved for deficiencies, which, if not corrected, **would** result in fatal or serious injury or extensive damage to equipment or property. Reports are transmitted via “IMMEDIATE” message directly to the affected air logistic centers. Expect action within 48 hours.

⇒ **Urgent reports** – reserved for deficiencies, which, if not corrected, **could** result in personnel injury, jeopardize safety, or reduce operational efficiency. Expect action within 40 days of your input.

⇒ **Routine reports** – for deficiencies, which, if not corrected, may result in a potentially hazardous condition, have a negative effect on operation or maintenance, or reduce serviceability of equipment. Expect a reply via your original AFTO 22 within 45 days. Routine reports may be held by the ALC for reasons including abeyance, advisement, deferment or test.

How to submit an AFTO-22:

⇒ First, **define the problem**. What prevents you from doing your job quickly and effectively?

⇒ Next, **put your thoughts in writing** so the folks at the ALC can understand what you are trying to say. If several deficiencies are found in one TO, submit them all on one form.

⇒ After your ideas are on paper, **give it to your supervisor for proofing** before sending it to Quality Assurance. Your Wing QA may ask you some more questions regarding the problem before deciding to forward the form. Work with them! They are on your side.

Once QA assigns a control number to your AFTO 22, be sure to complete a suggestion form, AF Form 1000—you could receive a financial reward of \$200 if your AFTO 22 is approved.

From there your recommendation flows through the major command and to the appropriate ALC for their review and final decision.

After all is said and done, do your inputs using the AFTO 22 system really count? Is anybody out there really listening? The answer received from the ALC is an unqualified yes! Feedback acquired from a technician is the most valuable method of tech data improvement, according to AFLC. Technicians know where the problems are and have the most to gain if deficiencies are corrected.

For more information on the AFTO 22 Program, contact Master Sgt. Stephen Robicheaux, 917 QA inspector, at 456-9150/9075.

ORM:

*Identifying hazards using the
“What-If” tool*

By Maj. Frank Stepongzi
Wing Safety Office

Once we have defined the goal of our mission, we must then identify hazards that may prevent us from accomplishing that mission. One method for identifying hazards is to use the *What-If* tool.

The *What-If* tool is a series of questions asked to identify possible hazards and expected results, should we encounter hazards. Use your job knowledge and experience to determine what questions to ask and how to answer them.

A good example of how to use the *What If* tool is the “where are we going to lunch scenario.” Let us run through two simple lunch scenarios. By asking the same questions in different ways, our experience will lead us to different conclusions.

Situation 1: We’re on base, a group of four want to go to lunch at 11 a.m., and we all must attend a meeting at 12:30 p.m. Here are some questions we need to answer before deciding where to eat.

1. What if it rains?
2. What if our car breaks down?
3. What if we run out of gas?
4. What if we get into an accident?
5. What if a train goes by on the railroad tracks at the gate?
6. What if the base threat level is high, and gate security checks take longer?

Depending on the situation, these questions will affect where we go to lunch. Driving in the rain increases our risk of accidents and may cause traffic delays. If we are low on gas, we may have to stop and fill up. If security police are checking cars, this may cause a delay.

Based on the questions we ask and the conclusions we reach, we may have to choose a place to eat close to or on the base to ensure that we make our meeting.

Situation 2: Use the same mission, with the same list of questions. But this time, we are at a forward operating location in Saudi Arabia. Getting stuck off base in a high terrorist threat area could have fatal consequences. In this situation, it might be best to eat at the chow hall.

Taking the time to identify hazards that may prevent us from accomplishing our mission will pay dividends.

Military clothing: *who is eligible, who to know and where to go for help*

By Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio Wing Public Affairs

There are five cases in which enlisted personnel are authorized military clothing issues: (a) Non-prior service newcomers are authorized a complete initial issue minus a few personal items; (b) Members arriving from the Air Reserve Personnel Center, Air National Guard, active-duty Air Force or from another unit are eligible for missing uniform items or unserviceable uniform items due to fair wear and tear; (c) members from any other branch of service that may have shortages such as missing uniform items or authorized uniform items unique to the AF; (d) Current Wing personnel in good standing can get items replaced for fair wear and tear on a one-for-one basis; and (e) maternity supplemental clothing for pregnant women.

Personnel should be escorted by their appointed squadron clothing issue representative during the issue procedure.

"Go to your squadron representative unless you are getting a COMPLETE INITIAL ISSUE—the squadron is responsible for anything after the initial issue, even if an item wasn't received during the initial issue," said Senior

Master Sgt. Steve Lindberg, 917th Logistics Readiness Squadron noncommissioned officer-in-charge of supply.

Military clothing can be procured at the Barksdale Military Clothing Sales Store for initial issue items. The Louisiana Association for the Blind conducts sales through the squadron individual equipment representative for items such as reflective belts, safety goggles and ear defenders. Initial issue hours on the primary unit training assembly are from 1 - 3 p.m. and on Wednesdays (as required) from 10 - 11:30 a.m.

"It usually takes approximately one and a half hours to get initial issue clothing," said Lindberg. "Getting patches sewn on usually takes around seven to ten days."

Enlisted members can have uniform sew-on services provided by the Barksdale Base Exchange Dry Cleaners or any other sewing establishment. Reimbursements can be obtained by filing a Standard Form 1164 (three copies with your receipt of sew-on services and your commander's signature on the SF1164) with the Wing Financial Management Appropriations Reserve Office in Bldg. 6803, Rm. 201B.

Once a uniform is replaced because of wear and tear, it should be demilitarized by removing all stripes, patches, nametags, etc. Old uniforms are not turned back into supply. For more information, contact Lindberg or Tech. Sgt. Charles Cole, 917 LRS inventory management supervisor, at 456-7177/9666.

Squadron clothing representatives

917th Mission Support Group/Wing

Master Sgt. Tina Chasteen 456-9016

917th Medical Squadron

Master Sgt. Rhonie Johnson 456-9850

917th Maintenance Operations Squadron/ Maintenance Group

Master Sgt. Robert Hunter 456-7177

917th Maintenance Squadron

Master Sgt. Sean Lane 456-9945

917th Aircraft

Maintenance Squadron

Master Sgt. Kermit Morris 456-8035

717th Aircraft

Maintenance Squadron

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All initial issues

Senior Master Sgt. Steve Lindberg
456-7177

You know you are pregnant when...



By Master Sgt. Michael Mazerat 917th Medical Squadron UPAR

If you are unusually tuned into your body, you might begin to suspect that you're pregnant almost immediately. Most women don't suspect they are pregnant until they miss a period, and few don't suspect it for weeks after conception.

I'm not Jeff Foxworthy, but here are five common signs of early pregnancy. You may experience all, some or none of these symptoms.

You know you are pregnant when...

You miss a period. This is not a mark at the end of a sentence, but an occurrence at the end of the menstruation cycle. Missing your period is the most clear-cut sign of pregnancy. It is not definitive though, as stress may cause irregular periods.

You spend more time urinating than you do sitting on the

couch watching your favorite movie. Even before missing a period, most pregnant women go to the bathroom more often.

You wake up **feeling fatigued**. Feeling this way after a night spent painting the town red is one thing. Feeling exhausted is another... an early sign of pregnancy.

You experience **morning, noon or night sickness**. This doesn't always come from eating greasy food. And queasy feelings are not limited to mornings. Most who experience morning sickness feel slightly nauseated throughout the day.

You show symptoms of **sore and enlarged breasts**. If you're pregnant, your breasts may become increasingly tender to the touch, like they feel before your period, only more so.

Reservists should notify their supervisor as soon as possible when they become pregnant for the protection of both themselves and the fetus. Some work in hazardous environments, increasing risks to both parties if not removed from the area.

Next, a pregnant member must report to the medical squadron. She will be placed in a 3T profile status (home station duty only) until the 34th week of pregnancy. From the 34th week until six weeks after delivery, a pregnant member is placed in a 4T profile status, which prohibits her from participating in unit training assemblies or any activities which earn her retirement points. A member is released from 4T status once she provides civilian documentation proving she has given birth and can return to work without restrictions.

Refer to Air Force Instruction 41-104 for more information.

Eyes open wide on the B-52

Targeting pod could extend life of the heavy bomber

By Master Sgt. Greg Steele

917th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron UPAR

The 93rd Bomb Squadron recently made history as the first heavy bomber unit to self-designate laser guided bombs using the Northrop Grumman LITENING II targeting pod. Six months ago, members of the 93 BS began working with Boeing engineers on software design and coding to test the targeting pod on the B-52.

“Without a doubt, having the capability to use advanced sensors as our ‘eyes’ for locating and identifying targets is enormous from the altitudes we operate,” said Lt. Col. William “Sleepy” Floyd, a 93 BS radar navigator and program monitor for the project. “We’ve seen, just recently in Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, that all strike platforms require the capability to recognize and correct for target location errors, especially during real time targeting scenarios.” With special equipment, combat ground troops will be able to see the laser “spot” and relay target information back to the aircrew.

“The test is going very well,” said Mo Kalhor, a B-52 SEEK EAGLE systems engineer, who is employed by the office that certifies weapon modifications on all Air Force aircraft. “The ability of this system to give more precise target coordinates will help ensure the safety of our own ground troops.”

“We’ve been pushing this initiative since 1998 after learning the Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard were purchasing this system for their F-16s,” said Floyd. “It just made sense to use 93 BS and 917th Wing resources for the test since we’ve been involved from the beginning.”

The LITENING II pod is a self-contained, multi-sensor laser target designating and navigation system, enabling pilots to

detect, acquire, track and identify ground targets for accurate delivery of both conventional and precision-guided weapons.

“Our LITENING team worked closely with AFRC and Boeing to make this integration a success,” Northrop Grumman Targeting and Surveillance Programs Vice President Mike Lennon said. “Integration of the LITENING system on the B-52 provides AFRC with alternatives for conducting precision targeting, day and night, that other systems cannot currently provide.” For the test, technicians from the 917th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron modified two Wing B-52s.

“We had to install heavier gauge wire and larger circuit breakers to support the increased amperage needed for the pod, along with modifying the attaching station with different electrical connectors and video lines,” said Master Sgt. Kermit Morris, a 917 AMXS bomb navigation technician. “I’d have to give the difficulty of this modification an eight, but it will be a great benefit for the aircrews by making target identification more reliable and simple.”

“Installing the pod was relatively easy, and we didn’t encounter any problems that couldn’t be fixed on the spot,” said Master Sgt. Johnnie Gilbert, a 917 AMXS weapons technician. The pod allows laser designation and infrared marking of targets for ground troops from above 40,000 feet.

The Air National Guard and Reserve Test Center in Tucson Ariz., has been testing and evaluating the LITENING II targeting pod on various aircraft since 1998, and it is the responsible test organization for the B-52 Targeting Pod Integration OUE. Before this test, the system had primarily been used on fighter aircraft. This marks the seventh type of U.S. military aircraft to integrate the LITENING targeting system and the first heavy bomber.



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. GREG STEELE

Lt. Col. William Floyd, a 93rd Bomb Squadron radar navigator, preflights a LITENING Pod on a B-52.



PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. JESSICA D'AURIZIO

Brig. Gen. Jack Ihle, 917th Wing commander, prepares to fire an explosive ordnance disposal tool as Maj. John, 917th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight commander, shouts a verbal warning down range. The 917 EOD performed live demonstrations for those who attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony in March for their newly expanded EOD facility, which houses both active-duty and reserve EOD.



Master Sgt. Jeff, 917 EOD manager, exhibits some components of an EOD tool.



Master Sgt. Jeff, 917 EOD manager, and Col. George Pierce, 917th deputy commander, while working.

Crowd blown away

917 EOD 'wows' crowd, shows capabilities during ribbon-cutting

**By Senior Airman Ebony Nichols
Wing Public Affairs**

Members of the 917th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight now have "room to stretch their legs." After approximately 150 days of construction, the EOD Flight received much-needed space... an addition to the training facility.

According to Maj. John, 917 EOD Flight commander, the small building the reserve shared with their active-duty counterparts, the 2d EOD Flight, was cramped and left officers and airmen sharing desks.

"Literally, three to five members would use one desk simultaneously," said John. The addition to the facility also gives EOD members more room to train and store equipment.

"Due to the integration of reserve and active-duty units and the lack of square footage before the add on, members were sitting on top of each

other," said Tech. Sgt. Kyle, 917 EOD technician. "The new building is necessary to train and to accomplish our mission."

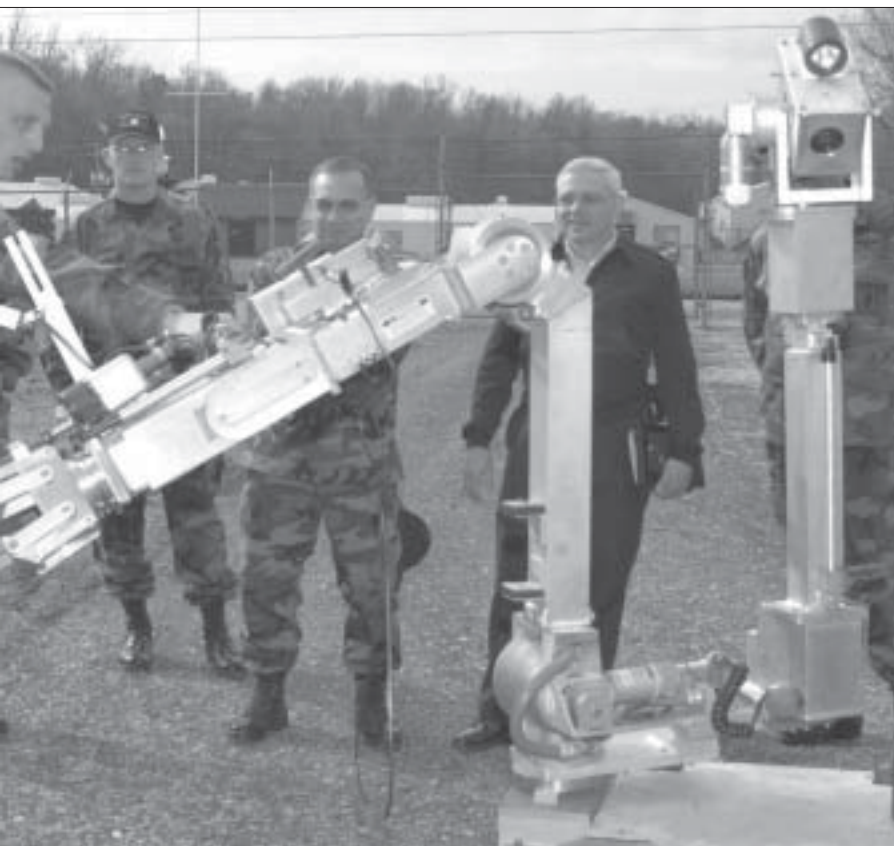
According to John, a new lunchroom will enable members to eat without standing in unoccupied space. And a new study room has suitable space for airmen to continue studies and career development course activities.

The main feature of the building is a large room with a long table and projector equipment. This room serves as a meeting place to discuss pressing issues and conduct training.

"The building add-on will improve the overall integration of active-duty and reserve units, and increase explosive ordnance device training for both domestic and worldwide operations for the Air Force and all armed services," said Capt. Martin, 2d EOD Flight commander.



Maj. John, 917 EOD Flight commander, makes the final connections for an EOD tool demonstration.



program manager, points out some features and capabilities of the EOD robot to Maintenance Group commander, and Kevin Wolfe, 917th Mission Support Group others look on.



Master Sgt. Lenny Dean, 917th Civil Engineering Squadron management assistant, is shown the EOD robot's remote controls by Staff Sgt. Daniel, 917 EOD technician.

Update personal info on Web

The process Wing members use to update their emergency contact information has changed. The Virtual Record of Emergency Data, which resides within the Virtual Military Personnel Flight, replaces the Form Flow version of the Department of Defense Form 93, Record of Emergency Data, allowing members continuous access to their information from any internet-capable computer.

The vRED is an automated "smart" program that will guide members through the process of completing emergency contact information and will tailor the questions asked to reservists' unique family situations. The vRED will also remind members to go and review or update their information periodically when logging onto vMPF. You may access the vMPF on the Web site: <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afpcsecure/Default.asp>. Call Master Sgt. Lenka Isaac or Tech. Sgt. Rick Bingham, 917th Wing Customer Service, at 456-9205 for more information.

Stars and Stripes to deliver message

U.S. troops deployed to overseas locations can now receive personal messages from loved ones via the pages of Stars and Stripes. "Messages of Support," a daily section in the overseas newspaper distributed to the military community, will give family and friends a chance to pass their greetings free-of-charge. Simply e-mail your message of 50 words or less to messages@estripes.com. Messages will be printed on a first-come, first-run basis.

Kicker benefit not transferrable

Reservists eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill kicker benefit in one service component must remain in that same component to retain the benefit. For example, if a member is issued a kicker in the Air Force Reserve transfers to the Air National Guard, his kicker benefits are terminated. Contact Verendia Sanders, Wing Education and Training, at 456-9247 for more information.

Medical requirements change

Yellow fever and typhoid shots are no longer required for mobility, but are still required for personnel going into high-risk areas. Contact Master Sgt. Michael Mazerat, 917th Medical Squadron, at 456-8983 for more information.

Better safe than sorry

Using Walkman type earphones on the flightline and in industrial shop areas is prohibited, as workers need to concentrate on their jobs and be aware of their surroundings. This also applies when riding a bicycle, driving a vehicle, or operating equipment.

Timely filing crucial for payback

Reservists receiving tuition assistance must submit requests up to 30 days prior to their class start date(s) and final grades no later than 30 days after completing class(es) to ensure reimbursement. Requests should be submitted to the Wing Education and Training Office, Bldg. 6803, Rm. 152.

Academy to be held at STARBASE La.

Students entering six or seventh grade in fall '03 are invited to attend the STARBASE Louisiana Middle School Summer Academy, scheduled for June 23-27, from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily in

Bldg. 4238. Activities will include chemistry, microscopy, computer applications, physics, geometry, art and problem solving, all in an atmosphere that excites the mind. Participating students must have access to the base.

Pre-registration begins Monday, April 28 at 7:30 a.m. Students will be pre-registered on a first-come, first-serve basis, once a completed pre-registration form, including a teacher recommendation and acceptable student essay, are brought to STARBASE in person. Call STARBASE Louisiana at 456-1300/1315, or e-mail sheila.schencke@barksdale.af.mil for more information.

Stop loss in effect May 3

The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force has authorized the use of Stop Loss in order to retain specific skills needed to meet national security objectives. Effective May 2, 2003, 43 officer and 56 enlisted specialties are stop loss.

Stop Loss is being implemented across the total force (active duty, Air Force Ready Reserve, and Air National Guard) for those in the rank of colonel and below. The following Air Force Specialty Codes will be affected by stop-loss (applies to primary/control AFSC regardless of prefix or suffix except where indicated):

11AX	12TX	46NXE	1C3XX	1T2XX	4A1XX
11BX	13BX	46SX	1C4XX	2E2X1	4A2XX
11EX	13DXA	48AX	1C5XX	2F0X1	4B0XX
11FX	13DXB	48GX	1N0XX	2T3X2A	4E0XX
11GX	13MX	48RX	1N1XX	2T3X2B	4H0XX
11HX	14NX	51JX	1N200	3C0X1	5J0X1
11KX	31PX	71SX	X1N2XX	3C2X1	7S0X1
11RX	32EX	1A0XX	1N3X4	3E000	8D000
11SX	43EX	1A1XX	1N3X5	3E0X2	9L000
11TX	43HX	1A2XX	1N3X6*	3E4X1	*Apr 03
12AX	43TX	1A3XX	1N3X7*	3E4X2	Conversions
12BX	44EX	1A4XX	1N3X8*	3E5X1	
12EX	44MX	1A5XX	1N3X9*	3E7X1	
12FX	45AX	1A7XX	1N4XX	3E8X1	
12GX	45BX	1A8XX	1N5XX	3E9X1	
12KX	45SX	1C0X1	1N6XX	3H0X1	
12RX	46FX	1C1XX	1S0XX	3N0XX	
12SX	46MX	1C2XX	1T1XX	3P0XX	

In memoriam...

The 917th Wing mourns the loss of Tech. Sgt. Richard Kimbrell, who passed away Monday, Feb. 17. Kimbrell, a services attendant with the 917th Services Flight, served in the military for 18 years.

"Tech. Sgt. Kimbrell was a highly motivated individual who took pride in himself," said Senior Master Sgt. Laraine Warrendawn, 917 SVS noncommissioned officer-in-charge.

"He had three great loves in his life: God, family and country," said retired Maj. Steve Powell. If you needed an ear to bend, a backboard to bounce an idea off of, a shoulder to cry on, or someone to brighten your day, Richard was there. He will be sorely missed by the Prime Ribs Team and the entire Wing."



Kimbrell

Wing news

917th Wing

Salutes



Airman of the Quarter
Airman Micole Smith
917th Medical Squadron



NCO of the Quarter
Staff Sgt. Rodney Rollins
917th Services Flight



Outstanding Air Force Reserve
Intelligence SNCO of Year 2002
Master Sgt. Darren Ellingwood
93rd Bomb Squadron

NEWCOMERS

917 CES

Staff Sgt. Joseph Owens, Jonesboro, La.

917 CF

Airman 1st Class Ronald DeBello, Shreveport, La.

917 LRS

Airman Eric Alford, Longview, Texas

Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Johnson, Shreveport, La.

917 MDS

Airman Jennifer Coker, Bossier City, La.

917 MXS

Staff Sgt. Dyan Lesnik, Greenfield, Wis.

917 SFS

Staff Sgt. Anthony Mitchell, Alexandria, La.

917 WG

Staff Sgt. Tiffany Leasure, Bossier City, La.

93 BS

2nd Lt. Timothy Albrecht, Westlake, Ohio

RETIREMENTS

307 RHS

Master Sgt. Lloyd Blackshire

917 LRS

Senior Master Sgt. Norm Husted

PROMOTIONS

To Colonel:

George Pierce, 917 MXG

Kevin Wolfe, 917 MSG

To Master Sergeant:

Richard Goodson, 917 AMXS

Allen Hill, 917 CES

Richard Lindsey, 917 MDS

Victoria Mays, 917 MDS

Dale Selman, 917 AMXS

John Vaughn, 917 CES

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Charles Harkless, Jr., 917 CES

Carolyn Oliver, 917 MDS

Stephen Taylor, 917 MDS

Derek Turpin, 307 RHS

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David Baker, 917 MDS

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Dustin Durham, 917 MDS

Kay Lachney, 917 MDS

Adrian Little, 917 MXS

Roy Moss, 917 MDS

Daniel Thompson, 917 SFS

Ivan Yelverton, 917 AMXS

Nathaniel Ziegler, Jr., 917 LRS

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Michael Harris, Jr., 917 MDS

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Brian Martin, 917 CES

Amanda McClure, 917 MSS

Jessica McLane, 917 MDS

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Reginald Ross, 917 SFS

Nikisha Sanders, 917 LRS

Alphonzo Smith, 917 LRS

Tadd Stevens, 917 MDS

Deangela White, 917 MSS

Alicia Williams, 917 SVS

Jonathan Williams, 307 RHS

To Airman 1st Class:

Phillip St. Rozier, 917 MXS

Thomas Taylor, 917 MXS

Laquita Young, 917 AMXS

To Airman:

Whitaker Taylor, 917 AMXS

NCO Leadership Development **Program graduates**

717 AMXS

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Staff Sgt. Tony Lambert

Staff Sgt. Henry May III

Tech. Sgt. Vernon Collins

Tech. Sgt. Cary Johnson

Tech. Sgt. Kelly Pace

917 CES

Staff Sgt. Eric Lewis

917 CF

Staff Sgt. Quentin Ammons

Tech. Sgt. Louis Hereford

Tech. Sgt. Robert McAlister

917 MXS

Staff Sgt. Jason Hutson

Tech. Sgt. Richard Byford

Tech. Sgt. David Rowley

Tech. Sgt. Ryan Sullivan

917 OSF

Staff Sgt. Renee Murphy

Wing key spouses here to help

By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant
Wing Public Affairs

It is 2 a.m., and the phone rings. It could be the call that will take military spouses away for months, maybe even longer.

While many servicemembers are being called away to duty, creating a strain on those left behind, one organization is here to help.

Founded in the early 90's, the 917th Wing Key Spouse Program keeps families in waiting "in the loop" through weekly telephone calls, frequent e-mails and briefings.

"We point them in the right direction," said Michelle, wife of Maj. Steve, 917th Operations Group B-52 electronic warfare officer. "We do this by answering questions or dealing with concerns they may have."

"Most frequently asked is, 'When is my spouse coming home?'" said Melanie Shaw, wife of Senior Master Sgt. Wade Shaw, 917th Maintenance Squadron flight superintendent. "I try to always express to the spouse that even if we have a time or a day, schedules can change very quickly. I let them know I'm here if they need me."

Other hot issues for spouses include how to contact their deployed spouses, whether by phone, e-mail, regular mail, or by sending a package, according to Donna Robinson, wife of Senior Master Sgt. Tommy Robinson, 717th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron production superintendent and a key spouse.

"The issue doesn't have to be disastrous before we offer our services," Robinson said. "In times like these, it is very important that we try to help each other out. Troops are more effective in their missions if they know their families are being taken care of."

10 hours of childcare per month free-of-charge for eligible families of activated reservists at the Barksdale Child Development Center, located in Bldg. 3725 (Kenny Ave.) across from the Barksdale Youth Center. Call the Family Support Center at 456-8400 or the CDC at 456-4139 for more information.



Free oil and filter change, lubrication and vehicle safety checks for eligible families of activated reservists at the Barksdale Auto Pride (Bldg. 3900) and Base Hobby Shop (Bldg. 4143). Call the Base Family Support Center at 456-8400 for more information.

Two 15-minute phone calls per week to spouses who are deployed or are on temporary-duty assignments for 14 days or more. Morale calls are available at most locations. To sign up, call the Base Family Support Center at 456-8400.



Voices: How does it affect your morale as a military person when you see so many people protesting the defense of America?



Tech. Sgt. Lonny Lipscomb
917th Security Forces Squadron

"Everyone has the right to his opinion and to protest. However, the president must do what's right for America."



Maj. Dwayne Slack
917th Maintenance Group

"I am proud we are doing a job we have to do. It does not bother me, because we are putting our training to good use."



Tech. Sgt. Donna Mitchell
917th Maintenance Operations Squadron

"It saddens me, because they protest what I believe in...freedom. Either we stand now or pay later."



Senior Airman Tonesha Gray
917th Security Forces Squadron

"It makes me feel good to be one of the people defending America. I'm glad protestors don't make decisions for me."

917th Wing Training Schedule

April 5-6, 2003

Time	Event	Location
Saturday		
0630-0700	Sign-in	Assigned unit
0700	Wing staff meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0700	Intro -- all newcomers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0700	Physical exam (flyers)	Base hospital (lobby)
0730	Detailed physical exam (non-flyers)	Base hospital (lobby)
0730-1000	Body fat measurement	Flight medicine
0730-1400	Immunizations	Base hospital, 1st floor
0730-1430	Eyeglass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (by hospital)
0745	Firearms training	Firing range
0800	Routine physical exam	Base hospital, 2nd floor
0800 & 1300	Initial Warfare (appointment only)	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 329
0800 & 1300	Chem Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
0900	Anti-terrorism training	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0930 & 1030	Family readiness briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17
1000	Training Managers meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123A
1000	Unit deployment managers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1000	First sergeants' meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1300	Flightline drivers training	Bldg. 6825, Rm. 243
1500	917 MSS commander's call	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
Sunday		
0630-0700	Sign in	Assigned Unit
0730	Information Management Training	Bldg. 4238, STARBASE
0730	Human Relations	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0730-1430	Immunizations	Base hospital
0745	Firearms training	Firing range
0800	UCI meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0800-1000	Dental Class 3 profile reviews	Base dental clinic
0800-1300	Eyeglass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (by hospital)
0800	Initial Warfare (appointment only)	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 329
0800 & 1300	Chem Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
0800	Career advisor training	Bldg. 6815, T-Net
0830	Substance Abuse	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0900	Catholic Mass	Base Chapel 2
0900	Unit Advisory Council	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0945	EO First Duty Station Part 1	Bldg. 4714, 3rd Floor
1000-1030	Protestant services	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1030	Family readiness briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17
1230	EOC testing	Bldg. 4314, 3rd floor
1300	EO First Duty Station Part 2	Bldg. 4714, 3rd Floor
1300	Flightline drivers refresher	Bldg. 6825, Rm. 243
1300-1500	Supervisors' safety meeting	Bldg. 6825, Rm. 227
1400	SORTS meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1500	717 AMXS commander's call	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1530	47 FS commander's call	47 FS auditorium

1550-1610 Sign-out 1550--CES, MSS, WG 1600--MXG 1610--MXS

Know anyone who is looking for a recruiter?

Barksdale AFB, La.

Master Sgt. Joe Menna
Master Sgt. Don Copeland
Tech. Sgt. Gary Johnson
1-800-241-4071

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Tech. Sgt. Mathew Lucas, 903-223-7030

Shreveport, La.

Master Sgt. Ellen Shaheed
318-683-0331

Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Tech. Sgt. TeNeuss Land
501-987-7188

Mesquite/Tyler, Texas

Tech. Sgt. Clark Fitzpatrick
972-681-6384/903-534-8618

SERVICES

Military Personnel Flight

Bldg. 6803, Room 140, 456-9205

Saturday

7 - 11 a.m. Newcomers in-processing
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. All customer service functions

Sunday

8 a.m. - 2 p.m. All customer service functions

Monday - Friday

7 a.m. - 4 p.m. All services

NOTE: Customer Service functions include in/out processing, ID cards, DEERS, DD93s, SGLI, vehicle decals, record reviews, etc.

Base Billeting

Bldg. 5155, 456-3091/3092

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week
(reservations required)

Lodging

For information on official or space "A" lodging call 1-888-AF-LODGE. Key in the first three letters of the base you are trying to reach.

Chaplain

Bldg. 6803, Room 229, 456-9179

Friday - Sunday 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Willis (985) 517-0955
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Eubanks (479) 841-4641
Chaplain (Capt.) DeVaul (713) 502-1124

Red River Dining Hall

Bldg. 4631

Breakfast 5:30 - 6:30 a.m.

Lunch 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

NOTE: You must show ID card, newcomer's letter or DD form 1172.

Family Readiness

Bldg. 4713

Saturday & Sunday 8-11 a.m.

Military drivers license

Military drivers license issue is available on the main UTA in Bldg. 6825, Rm. 240. Issue hours:
Saturday & Sunday, noon - 2 p.m.

Military Pay

Saturday and Sunday (main UTA) 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Gov. Travel Card Service

Bldg. 6803, Room 203, 456-9546

Monday - Friday, Main UTA 6 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Military clothing issue

Bldg. 6825, Room 218, 456-7177

Wednesday 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday (Main UTA) 1-3 p.m.

Testing schedule

CDC/PME

Wed., 9 a.m., 1 p.m., Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123B
Sun., (Main UTA) 9 a.m. ONLY, Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123B - Course 00005A/00012G
Sun., (Main UTA) 12:30 p.m., Bldg. 4314, Rm. 309
Sun., (Alt. UTA) 1 p.m., Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123B

DANTES/CLEP

Thurs., 9 a.m., 1 p.m., Bldg. 6803, Rm. 152
Sun., (Main UTA) 12:30 p.m., Bldg. 4314, Rm. 309

AFOQT/AFCT

Sunday of UTA on a quarterly basis as scheduled
Call Wing Education and Training at 456-7496/
8066/7506 for times or scheduling requirements.

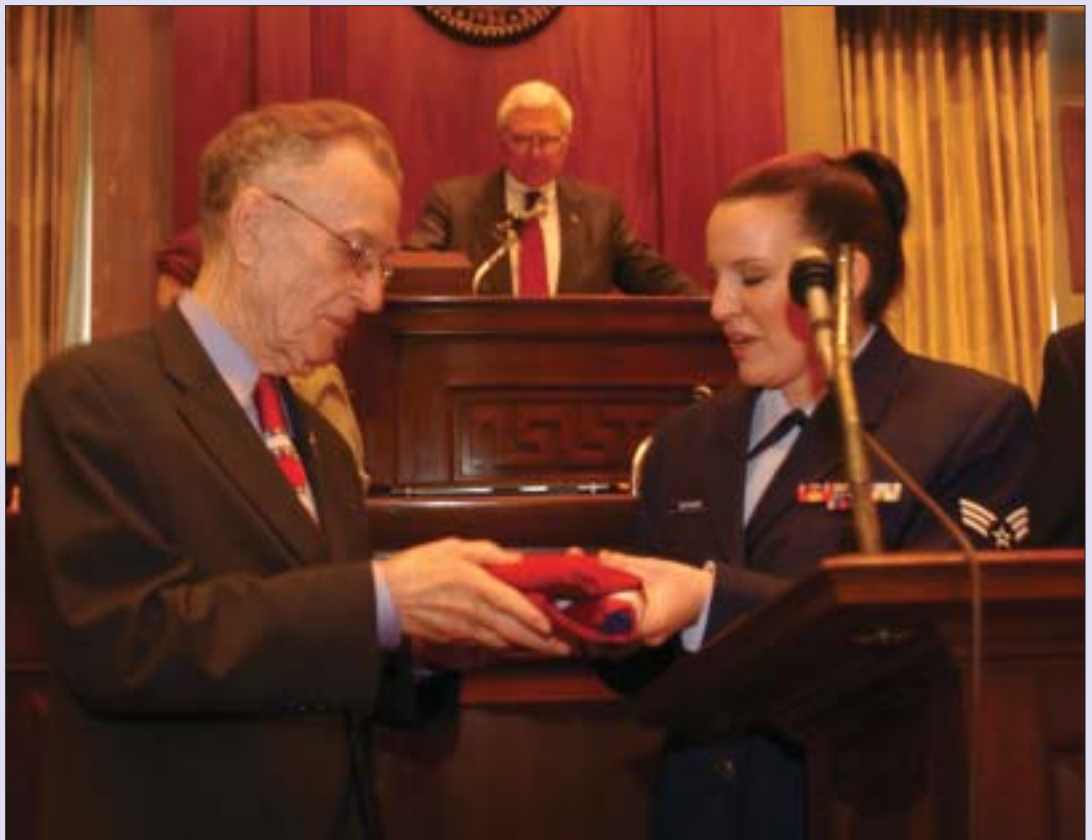
Gas Mask Issue

Saturday (main UTA) 7-9 a.m., Bldg. 6822

Seavers presents flags

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Senior Airman Monica Seavers, 93rd Bomb Squadron information manager, presents an American flag to Tennessee Lt. Gov. John S. Wilder at the State General Assembly on Feb. 26. Seavers presented two flags at the Assembly; both were flown during bombing operations over Afghanistan in August 2002. Gentleman in the background is Tennessee Senator Joe Haynes.



917th Wing Family Day
Saturday, June 7
Location: Cullen Park
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Family day volunteers are needed to help with various activities. Contact Master Sgt. Rosita Babb at 456-9181 if you are interested.



**Commander's Cup
Golf Tournament**
June 7

Sign up for tournament in the Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 6803, Rm. 212, or call Master Sgt. Greg Steele at 456-8517/8145.

UTA Schedule

Main	Alternate
April 5-6	April 12-13
May 17-18	May 3-4
June 7-8	June 21-22
July 12-13	July 19-20
Aug. 2-3	Aug. 16-17
Sept. 6-7	Sept. 13-14
Oct. 4-5	Oct. 18-19
Nov. 1-2	Nov. 15-16
Dec. 6-7	No alternate

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